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Dear Neighbors,

It continues to be my honor to represent District 2. In this newsletter, you'll find resources, some featured legislation I drafted this year, and highlights of events my office sponsored. It was wonderful to see hundreds of you at the 4th Annual McGovern Night Out, and during my visits to our parks and senior centers.

As the season changes and the holidays approach, I will enjoy spending time with my family and friends and I hope you do the same. As we hold our loved ones close, let's remember that not everyone is as fortunate. Remember to check on your friends and neighbors and see if they need extra assistance as the weather cools.

I am happy to serve constituents of the second district. Remember that this seat is the people's seat, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have improvements or ideas for our district so we can work together.

Sincerely,

Sequanna Taylor
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 2
2nd Vice Chairwoman

Celebrating Black History Month



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors led their first in-community celebration of Black History Month this year at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society in February. It featured great food, music, readings, and fellowship and we look forward to seeing you there next year! Left to right: Supervisors Supreme Moore Omokunde, Felesia A. Martin, Marcelia Nicholson, Sequanna Taylor, and Willie Johnson, Jr.

Unlocking the Vote: County Backs Restoring Voting Rights

The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution from Supervisor Sequanna Taylor calling for the restoration of voting rights for people on probation and parole in Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, nearly 65,000 individuals are denied the right to vote because they were convicted of a crime and are still on probation or parole, even though they are no longer incarcerated.

Taylor's resolution declares Milwaukee County's support for a state bill that seeks to restore voting rights to disenfranchised felons, and calls for a full review and revision of Wisconsin's sentencing guidelines, parole and revocation processes. It also expresses support for efforts to reduce felony disenfranchisement, and for the reform of practices that disproportionately impact communities of color in Wisconsin.



Supervisor Taylor stands with members of EXPO and MICAH, two of many groups working to reduce felony disenfranchisement in Wisconsin.

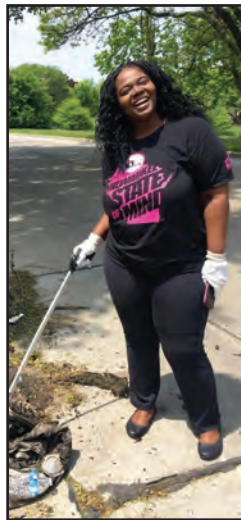


Supervisor Taylor, Chairwoman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, discusses her resolution: "Of course it's about being able to vote but it's also about people being respected."

Park Clean ups

This summer Supervisor Taylor held several Parks Cleanups in District 2. Our beautiful Parks get a lot of use and she wanted to use the resources of her office and neighborhood contacts to help keep them beautiful. Schoenecker Park hosts many little league games throughout the summer, and McGovern Park is the home of the Urban Kickball League and other groups that host games and events year round. She was happy to be able to contribute, and expresses her gratitude to everyone at the Parks Department and residents nearby that came out to help make these cleanups a success!

If your group would like to host a cleanup, please reach out to the office or fill out this form and we will be happy to collaborate with you: tinyurl.com/y49yhepv.



Supervisor Taylor and constituents catch up and chat during summertime cleanups of Schoenecker Park and Lincoln Creek Parkway.

McGovern Night Out

The fourth annual McGovern Night Out was a huge success. More people attended than ever before and we had a great time connecting with families and friends in the district.



Clockwise from top left: Newly-elected Sheriff Earnell Lucas stopped by to meet and greet everyone; Our volunteer face painter was VERY in demand; Mayor Barrett stopped by to say hi and grab a bite to eat; and the MPD's ever popular Free Ice Cream truck was a smash hit.

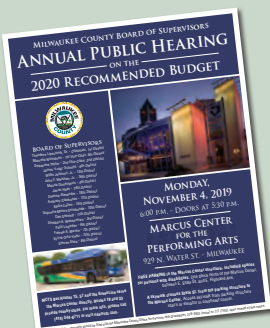
Milwaukee County's Free Birth Certificate Program Expanding Voting Access and Youth Employment

Milwaukee County's Free Birth Certificate Program will continue through the end of this year.

Through my resolution with the Board Chair, the Board of Supervisors provided funding in the 2019 county budget to cover the cost of accessing and printing 1,000 birth certificates. In response to public interest, Register of Deeds Israel Ramon approved funding for an additional 400 birth certificates through the end of the 2019. The Free Birth Certificate Program helps people get a photo ID for voting purposes, or, for youth aged 15-21, to apply for a job. The program is available to anyone born in Wisconsin.

Those who wish to take advantage of the Free Birth Certificate Program can stop in to the Register of Deeds office at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, located at 901 N. 9th Street, Room 103, or by visiting bit.ly/MKEBirthCert for more information.

It typically takes 10-15 minutes to request and receive a copy of a birth certificate in person after an application has been completed and submitted.



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who called, wrote, and attended the district town hall and the annual County Board public hearing to share your thoughts on the budget. It is my honor to serve you and represent your voice during our annual budget process.

Looking for Volunteers

I am looking to form a District 2 committee to advise the County on strategies for enhancing the district, particularly at the county level. We will discuss park improvements and needs, bus routes, economic development, and job opportunities. I am also always interested in collaborating on events for Seniors and Community events throughout the District locations, at McGovern and Brown Deer, for example. Email me to get involved at sequanna.taylor@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

County Supervisor Taylor Honors Bus Operators for Outstanding Service



County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor recognized seven Milwaukee County bus operators for coming to the aid of vulnerable young children they encountered while driving their route. "Milwaukee County bus operators have very difficult, stressful jobs, and all of them should be commended for their professionalism and their service to our community. These seven drivers deserve special recognition for acting quickly to ensure the safety of children who were in harm's way," said Supervisor Taylor. Taylor presented Jeannie Mitchell, Irena Ivic, Karen Martinez, Diane Serrano, Duane Butler, Chris Feezor, and Cecilia Nation-Gardner with citations detailing their actions and commending them for exemplary service. Each of the drivers encountered one or more children under the age of six who were lost.



Organization of the Year: Milwaukee Film's Black Lens program

Supervisor Taylor wants to recognize the Black Lens program's importance to our community and applaud them for expanding their programming this year. The Black Lens program features documentary and fiction films by African American filmmakers that explore a range of topics rooted in the Black community that are relevant to all. Films screen at the Milwaukee Film Festival, but also at community events throughout the year, such as this year's screening of the Interrupters and the Minority Health Film Festival. Thanks to programmer Donte McFadden and director Geraud Blanks for outdoing yourselves this year. You are making an important contribution to our community.

Youth Courthouse Day

Every year, Supervisor Taylor hosts Youth Courthouse Day and invites youth from area middle and high schools to attend. Students get to meet judges, defenders, and courthouse staff, and check out the evidence room for a behind the scenes look at the criminal justice system. They even get to participate in a mock trial and check out a trial in session! This year we were pleased to welcome Youth Council member Bria Smith and former Youth Council President (now Assembly Rep.) Kalan Haywood. We had a great conversation and learned a lot. If your school would like to participate next year, contact the office and we will be happy to welcome you!



Clockwise from top: Supervisor Taylor and Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. welcome middle and high school students to the County Board Room; Students from Holy Redeemer and Golda Meir pose after their mock trial with Chief Judge Maxine White and Supervisor Taylor; Representative Kalan Haywood and Youth Council President Bria Smith in the County Board Room



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2019: 12/7, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Visit milwaukeezoo.org for more info.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
FREE for all visitors
the first Thursday of every month
Visit mam.org for more info.



FREE the first Thursday of every month for County residents
Excludes major holidays. Visit milwaueedomes.org for more info.



FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month
Visit villaterrace.org for more info.



FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month
Visit charlesallis.org for more info.

Code Blue Warming Center Initiative

In April my colleague Supervisor Steven Shea and I introduced our "Code Blue Emergency" Resolution, which encourages all warming shelters across the county to open whenever the temperature dips below 32 degrees so our homeless community is able to warm up and find shelter. Thank you to Street Angels, the United Way, and the Milwaukee County Housing Task Force for your willingness to partner on this and for your advocacy. Housing is a basic human need and homelessness is a concern that we should be dealing with daily. By encouraging warming centers to open at 32 degrees in the winter months we are working to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. Providing access to these services helps get folks on the path to get the resources they need for healthier lives.



Sup. Taylor with members of advocacy group Street Angels, Housing Director James Mathy, members of Hunger Task Force, and her co-sponsor Sup. Steven Shea after a successful committee vote on the resolution.

Community Assistance Resource List

Shelter Hotline: 302-6633

Men

Milwaukee Rescue Mission (Safe Harbor): 1820 W. Wells St. • 935-0200
Guest House of Milwaukee: 1216 N. 13th St. • 345-3240
Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Salvation Army Respite Care: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122

Women

Cathedral Center, Inc.: 845 N. Van Buren St. • 831-0394 (x2153 or x2114)
Salvation Army Emergency Lodge: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Salvation Army Respite Care: 1730 N. 7th St. • 265-6360
Hope House: 209 W. Orchard St. • 645-2122
Casa Maria: 1131 N. 21st St. • 344-5745

Families

Community Information Line: 211
A-Call: 302-6633

Salvation Army Annual Christmas Family Feast

This is the largest meal served in the country!
December 25, 2019 - 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Wisconsin Center - 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.

For additional assistance during the holidays and year round

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center: 5460 N. 64th St. • 463-7950

Impact 211 • Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1

During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance.